

hands. It is so with the Christian Religion. It is a grand good thing and the people should come and get it. It is so with the convention and all should go and secure its benefits, but they will not do so unless it is advertised. Some people do not believe in "advertising" the Christian religion, or "billing" a church convention. At the Warsaw convention I heard an old brother say with a sneer, "Programs! why yes there are programs everywhere till you can't rest." Well, almost the same idea was expressed by a good sister, but in another tone when she said to me, "I did not expect to come to this convention but I saw it advertised so much and that there would be so many good things here for us that I just *couldn't rest*, and now I am so glad I came." That's the idea. You don't want your people to "rest" from active church work. There may be a change of work, but there is no vacation for the real live Christian. So you must advertise the good things that you know are in store for all who attend the "Ashland '95 Convention." Don't be afraid to over do the thing. This program should be a standing ad. in the EVANGELIST for weeks so all would know and be familiar with it. Why there is scripture for this idea of advertising our religion. We are to be witnesses. We are to testify. Christ did not expect the people to come to him so he went to them and used the most exciting miracles to advertise his doctrine and his church. Realizing that the work was too great for one man, he called others and sent them out as agents to promulgate the doctrine and spread the glad tidings. His sacred "last words" as he was about to leave his chosen followers to them and to all generations through them was "go ye."

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THE NEW AND LIVING WAY.

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MY DEAR BROTHER AND FELLOW-WORKER:—Your questions are many, some of them not practical, and some beyond the comprehension of man or angel. The central fact of christianity is an eternal mystery. Faith makes it the very essence of our being and experience, and that is profounder knowledge than reason can grasp or philosophy expound. If the church could make Christians by the application of her God-given types, religion would be cheap indeed. There is far too much of that counterfeit among us. It belongs to the invertebrates. It can do any thing but be christian. The ordinances are excellent symbols, and good works are excellent building material, but "no other foundation can no man lay than

that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." I Cor. 3: 11. With the acorn we plant the whole tree. With the conjunction of Deity with humanity comes the whole incarnation, with every genesis goes the whole of human nature, with the contact of Christ and the soul by faith goes the whole of Christianity. God never touched Mary in a generative way after that first holy impact. In that was the Christ in all the possibilities of the eternal future. Precisely so with the Christian. The church has no more to do with our spiritual genesis than Joseph had to do with Christ's mysterious generation. Joseph and the church are divinely-appointed environments, but not primary causes. To the Editor's courteous question, "Are souls made Christians *without* baptism?" I have only an emphatic unsuerving, everlasting YEA. As well ask the question, Are we *human* BEFORE *birth*? We are born *because* we are human. We are baptized *because* we are Christian. All that takes place after genesis is expression, development.

No characteristic constituent is added in birth. I may safely challenge the world to controvert so axiomatic a postulate. But my mission is not to challenge, or controvert, but to publish the glad tidings of great joy, which are for all people. That you are nominally a progressive and I a conservative, is so insignificant that it merits not the ink it takes to chronicle the fact. Are we born of God? Do we possess and manifest the love and patience and meekness and self-sacrifice of Jesus Christ? If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Rom. 8: 9. Such a temper as many of us on both sides reveal, is a wretched travesty of our profession. Do you know, my dear brother, the blessed reality of Rom. 8: 16? Baptism can verify this fact, but cannot originate it. Salvation is not the observance of a ritual, but the acceptance of Christ, not as an objective model, but as an immanent, moulding, sanctifying power. All right obedience brings enlargement of life, by giving it expression. But life itself comes only from God by faith in Christ. Apply John 14: 10 to yourself. This corresponds with Phil. 2: 13. Do not puzzle yourself with hard questions. Make your home in Mark 10: 15.

"WHILE some people are watching for stumbling blocks ahead, they fall down right where they stand."

"THE vision of Minerva made Achilles tremble. The devil is always panic stricken when he sees the cross. "By this sign thou shalt conquer."

THE WORK OF THE MASTER.

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Some of us begin very early in life to love and serve God. Even when only children the little minds and hearts, seem filled with the love of God and a desire to do his will. But others live half or perhaps all their lives in a careless and indifferent manner with regard to their eternal welfare, caring only for the things of this world and the pleasures of it.

These people should remember and study carefully the lessons taught by the dear Saviour, while here on earth suffering for sinful humanity. He is saying to all of us, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven," and "What is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul." We ask ourselves this question. How can it be that there are those who do not try to love and serve God, when we have the Gospel in every house.

Let us be up and doing. We who profess to be God's children. Let us work for the Master while it is day. And, we should teach the children to love and work for God. Some of us know how well we remember the little prayers taught us, and the words of religious instruction given us by our parents and teachers when very young.

How can we pray the Lord's prayer, "Thy kingdom come," and never do any thing to help christianize the world. There is a work for each of us. But one says I cannot preach and carry the Gospel to heathen lands. No, we cannot all do these; but, if we are faithful to the end in doing the little things, I believe that when we get home we will have just as many stars in our crown as those who do the greater things.

We should not be easily discouraged in the work. Think of what Christ and his apostles endured. Now we, if any little trial or trouble comes, and we think perhaps that we are not treated just as we ought to be by others, are ready to give up the work. We must not expect to go through this world on flowery beds of ease, and gain a home in heaven. Think of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man had his good things here, and Lazarus had his in heaven.

Let us be faithful and work till Jesus comes, for he has said in his word, "He that overcometh shall inherit *all* things." We shall be heirs with Christ our elder brother. God will wipe away all tears from our eyes and there will be no more sorrow, sickness or death. But we shall dwell in eternal happiness with him.

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PESSIMISM sees a worm in every chestnut.